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SUBJECT: MPLA (CHIPENDA) DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS; CHIPENDA  
INTERVIEW

REF: KINSHASA 10802 (NOTAL)

1. LUIZ DE AZEVEDO, DESCRIBED AS MEMBER OF MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND POLITICAL BUREAU IN CHARGE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS DECEMBER 23 (REPORTED IN PRESS DECEMBER 26). MUCH OF CONFERENCE WAS DEVOTED TO CRITICISM OF PORTUGAL, AS DE AZEVEDO ACCUSED PORTUGUESE OF SEEKING TO DIVIDE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS BY SUPPORTING NATO. SITUATION IN ANGOLA IS DETERIORATING, HE ALLEGED, BECAUSE OF ATTACKS ON MPLA/CHIPENDA CARRIED OUT  
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UNDER GUIDANCE OF JUNTA LED BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO.

2. DE AZEVEDO REVIEWED CIRCUMSTANCES AT MPLA CONGRESS IN LUSAKA, WHICH LED CHIPENDA TO ESTABLISH NEW PROVISIONAL LEADERSHIP MPLA. DESPITE FACT THAT NETO WAS CENSURED BY MPLA, HE SIGNED CEASE-FIRE WITH PORTUGUESE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SAVIMBI OF UNITA. DE AZEVEDO CHARGED THAT LISBON'S SUPPORT FOR LATTER AGREEMENT PROVES PORTUGUESE DO NOT WANT TO DECOLONIZE ANGOLA BUT ARE TAKING STEPS WHICH FAVOR CIVIL WAR THERE. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, DE AZEVEDO DESCRIBED NETO AS BEING IN SERVICE OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND HEAD OF FACTION IN PAY OF MOSCOW.

3. IN DECEMBER 22 ARTICLE IN LE SOIR, NOTED BELGIAN JOURNALIST ETIENNE UGEUX REPORTED INTERVIEW HE HAD RECENTLY WITH CHIPENDA IN KINSHASA. INTERVIEW LEFT UGEUX PESSIMISTIC THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHIPENDA AND NETO COULD BE RECONCILED IN NEAR FUTURE. CHIPENDA ACCUSED NETO OF RESORTING TO "NAZI METHODS", AND IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE IS KEEPING DISTANCE FROM NETO "BECAUSE I FEAR BEING LIQUIDATED AS A RESULT OF MY GROWING POPULARITY AS A COMBATANT IN ANGOLA". CHIPENDA ALSO CHARGED THAT NETO HAD ELIMINATED SEVERAL OF HIS COMPATRIOTS. WITHOUT SLIGHTEST TRIAL. HE BLAMED PORTUGUESE MILITARY FOR PROVOKING RECENT CLASHES IN ANGOLA TO FURTHER THEIR SUPPORT FOR NETO. "I AM NEVERTHELESS READY, IN THE HIGHER INTEREST OF MY COUNTRY AND IN ORDER TO MOVE OUT OF THE PRESENT IMPASSE, TO MEET WITH DR. NETO," HE REPORTEDLY STATED.

3. UGEUX ALSO REPORTS CHIPENDA'S BELIEF THAT "GREAT POWERS" WILL INFLUENCE OUTCOME IN ANGOLA. UGEUX REPORTS IN THIS REGARD THAT POSTPONEMENT OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S VISIT TO SOVIET UNION EARLIER THIS MONTH WAS DUE TO DIFFERENCES OVER MOBUTU'S SUPPORT FOR HOLDEN ROBERTO AND SOVIET SUPPORT FOR NETO. FIRESTONE

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